

Appl. No. 09/818,249
Amdt. Dated December 27, 2004
Reply to Office Action of September 27, 2004

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6 were pending in the Application. By this Amendment, Claims 1 and 2 are being cancelled, Claim 3 is being rewritten in independent form, and Claim 6 is being amended to depend from Claim 3. No new matter is involved.

In Paragraph 2 on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 2 are rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,088,461 of Lin et al. However, claims 1 and 2 are being cancelled herein, thereby obviating such rejection.

In Paragraph 3 on page 3 of the Office Action, claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but is indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, Applicants are rewriting claim 3 in independent form so as to incorporate the limitations of claims 1 and 2 therein. Therefore, claim 3 should now be allowable.

In Paragraph 4 on page 3 of the Office Action, claims 4-6 are allowed. However, in view of the cancellation of claim 2 from which claim 6 depends, claim 6 is being amended herein so as to depend from claim 3.

Inasmuch as rejected claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled, claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form and should now be allowable, and claims 4-6 have been allowed, only allowable claims remain in the Application. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6846 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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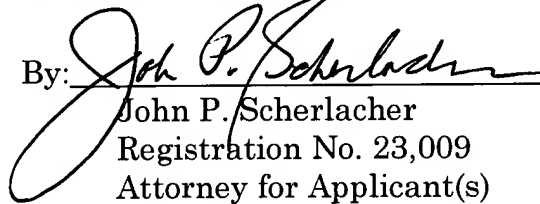
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Respectfully submitted,

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